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26. [] BRIEFING Rudy Rousseau, Foreign Affairs Assistant to Senator James Pearson (R., Kan.), called and said he would like to add Dick McCall, of Senator Gale W. McGee's (D., Wyo.) staff, in on the briefing of himself and Robert Dockery, Staff Associate, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, on Guatemala. I said I was sure there would be no problem and told him that [] of our office, would be in touch with him.

27. [] AGENCY VISIT Florence Fields, Washington Workshops, called and said that the 22 June date she had given us for the high school students from Beverly Hills, California to visit the Agency would have to be changed and suggested 24 June. I told her that I would check and have someone get back in touch with her. [] OTR, later advised that he had talked with Mrs. Fields and had confirmed the 24 June date.

29. [] LIAISON [] IC Staff, called to advise that he had been contacted by Dr. Nicksch, Library of Congress, asking him to appear before a committee of Congress, in open session, concerning his prior service in []. I told [] that I would call Dr. Nicksch to find out the details and be back in touch.

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[redacted] LIAISON Took an earlier call placed by George Cary and told Tom Latimer, Department of Defense, of our interest in being assured that all affected department and agencies have a unified position on the various oversight committee options which will be considered by the Senate next week. Latimer agreed that it would be a good idea to keep in touch especially on calls we get from the Hill on this matter and that there be a unified position. In response to my query, Latimer said it was his belief that the Administration was still supporting a joint committee approach.

We also discussed the proposed letter to Senator Frank Church (D., Idaho) on the destruction of records and he said he had no problem with our letter and said he thought our letter was better than the letter they had sent since it did not request approval from Senator Church.

12. [redacted] BRIEFING I accompanied Mr. Zeke Zellmer, D/OWI/DD/S&T, to a briefing of Representative Stephen J. Solarz (R., N.Y.) on certain sensitive collection facilities of the Agency. The briefing went well and Representative Solarz again demonstrated his intellectual capacity and ability to ask penetrating questions. (See Memorandum for the Record.) 25X1

1 [redacted] LIASION I called Marian Czarnecki, on the House International Relations Committee staff, to fill him in on the request of Vic Johnson, on the staff of the Subcommittee on International Trade and Commerce, to have us sanitize the transcript of the 12 April hearing before the Subcommittee. He said he had no problems with our doing it but suggested that we consider what precedent we might be setting and what pressure that might engender for similar requests in the future. I thanked him for his suggestion and told him I would discuss it with Mr. Cary.

He alerted me to a letter from Representative Pierre du Pont, IV (R., Del.) to Representative Thomas E. Morgan (D., Pa.), Chairman of the Committee, asking Chairman Morgan to authorize a CIA briefing of the full Committee next week on the balance of forces in South Korea and implications with respect to defensive needs of South Korea. Czarnecki thought Chairman Morgan's response would be that due to the full plate that the Committee already had on the 1977 authorization bill that there would not be an opportunity to call for such a briefing. Chairman Morgan will suggest to Representative du Pont that he would have no objection if Mr. du Pont wanted to set up something for an early morning briefing next week for whatever members of the Committee felt they would like to attend.

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1. [REDACTED] HEARINGS I called Job Dittberner, House Select Committee on Persons Missing in Action in Southeast Asia staff, to give him the following as an interim to Representative G. V. Montgomery's (D., Miss.) letter to the DCI concerning the prison break in Vientiane. The prisoners were recently arrested individuals comprised largely of politicians, ex-FAR soldiers and convicts. Many of them had been recaptured and some shot; those that have escaped to Thailand have disappeared in the bush. Approximately a dozen have been apprehended by the Thai authorities. We are attempting to debrief those the Thais have captured to acquire information on conditions in Laos and possible American MIAs. Because of their recent arrest, it is not likely that the escapees would have any information on MIAs but we will nonetheless ask them. This may take some time but we will keep the Committee informed as we go along.

2. [REDACTED] ADMINISTRATIVE DELIVERIES I had a courier deliver a copy of the Indonesian Study - The Coup that Backfired, which had been sent to the Library of Congress, to Richard D'Amato, Legislative Aide to Representative James M. Jeffords (R., Vt.), for the Congressman's use.

3. [REDACTED] BRIEFING I accompanied [REDACTED] OCI, and [REDACTED] OER, to a briefing of Bob Dockery and Rudy Rousseau, on the staff of the Subcommittee on Foreign Assistance and Economic Policy, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, on the political and economic situation in Guatemala and Nicaragua. They will be travelling to those countries on 10 May for the purpose of determining whether the earthquake disaster relief is being properly administered. They stated that they might ask for a [REDACTED] briefing.

4. [REDACTED] LIAISON At Mr. Cary's direction, I called Randy Teague, on the staff of Representative Jack F. Kemp (R., N. Y.), and gave him a rundown on the sparse information we have on the activities of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I told Teague that if the Congressman had any further interest, we would be happy to follow up with a briefing on the general situation if desired.

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15. [] LIAISON Met with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and discussed the various options available to us in connection with our CIARDS amendments. (See Memorandum for the Record.) 25X1

25X1 16. [] EMPLOYMENT Received a call from Mrs. Hurtt in the office of Representative Robert McClory (R., Ill.), inquiring of the status of [] application for employment. I called the Office of Personnel and was told that a letter would be going out to [] by the beginning of next week. Mrs. Hurtt was notified and requested a copy of the letter be sent to the Congressman. 25X1

25X1 18. [] LEGISLATION Bill Hogan, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, called and said they would need the clean bill on the CIARDS amendments the first thing Friday morning so that it can be introduced. I told him we would send it up. 25X1

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